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### Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of the claims will replace all the prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 2-6, 9-11, 17 and 18 are canceled.

Claim 23 is withdrawn.

- 1. (Currently amended) A process for manufacturing a lightweight, high bulk coated paper, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) creating a fiber furnish comprising mechanical pulp and chemical pulp;
  - (b) forming a paper web from the fiber furnish;
  - (c) removing water from said web;
  - (d) applying a coating having a weight of at least 2.0 pounds per 3300 square feet per side onto each surface of said web to form a coated web having a moisture content greater than 5.5%, and a caliper greater than 2.6 mils;
  - (e) passing the coated web through two extended-nip calenders, with each side of the paper facing a heated roll and treated with one of said calender nips, and wherein each calendering nip is formed by a calender roll having a surface temperature of at least 300° F and a backing shoe having a width of at least 30 mm, the nip providing loading of at least 1000 pounds per linear inch; and [whereby the] to form a calendered paper [has] having a caliper preservation greater than 75% and wherein a ratio of the caliper multiply

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by 1000 to a basis weight per 3300 ft<sup>2</sup> of the coated paper is at least equal to or greater than 71%.

Claims 2-6. (Canceled).

- 7. (Currently amended) A process as in Claim 1 wherein said coated <u>paper</u> web has a moisture content greater than 7.0%.
- 8. (Currently amended) A process as in Claim 1 wherein said coating composition comprises a hollow plastic pigment; a kaolin pigment; a calcined kaolin clay; a titanium dioxide pigment; and a synthetic latex binder; and a synthetic thickener, or a co-binder including carboxymethyleellulose or acrylic acid based or associative based thickeners.

Claims 9-11. (Canceled).

- 12. (Original) A process as in Claim 8 wherein said kaolin pigment has a fine particle size distribution characterized in that at least 85% of said particles are less than 2 microns and at least 50% of said particles are less than 0.5 microns, based upon particle counting using a Sedigraph particle size analyzer.
- 13. (Original) A process as in Claim 8 wherein said kaolin pigment has a platy morphology characterized as both fine and coarse particles having a shape factor greater than 15.
- 14. (Original) A process as in Claim 8 wherein said kaolin pigment has a platy

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morphology characterized as both fine and coarse particles having a shape factor of about 20 to 27.

- 15. (Original) A process as in Claim 8 wherein said kaolin pigment is present in an amount of at least 70% by weight of the total amount of pigment.
- 16. (Original) A process as in Claim 8 wherein said kaolin pigment is present in an amount of 80% to 100% by weight of the total amount of pigment.
- 17. (Canceled).
- 18. (Canceled).
- 19. (Currently amended) A process as Claim 1 wherein the coating is preferably applied using a blade coater or a metering size press.
- 20. (Original) A process as Claim 1 wherein the calender is a shoe nip calender, said shoe nip width being in the range of from about 40 mm to about 80 mm, and calendering temperature is at least 300° F, and nip loading at 1700-2400 pli.
- 21. (Currently amended) A process as in Claim 1 wherein said calendered paper has a the basis weight of 28 to 38 pounds per 3300 square feet and exhibits a 75 degree TAPPI gloss of 35% or above and a caliper of at least 2.15 mils.
- 22. (Currently amended) The process of Claim 1 for manufacturing a super high bulk,

wherein the coating comprises:

- (i) hollow plastic pigment, in an amount of at least about 2% by weight of the total amount of pigment;
- (ii) kaolin pigment in an amount of at least about 70% by weight of the total amount of pigment, said kaolin pigment having a fine particle size distribution characterized by at least 85% of said particles are less than 2 microns and at least 50% of said particles are less than 0.5 microns, and a platy morphology characterized as both fine and coarse particles having a shape factor greater than 15, preferably 20-27;
  - (iii) titanium dioxide in an amount of at least about 2% by weight of the total

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amount of pigment;

- (iv) calcined kaolin in an amount of at least 5% by weight of the total amount of pigment;
- (v) synthetic latex in a concentration of at least about 12 or more parts by weight of the total amount of pigment;
- (vi) synthetic thickener in a concentration of at least about 0.05 or more parts by weight of the total amount of pigment; and wherein the finished coated paper has a basis weight of 28 to 38 pounds per 33 square feet, exhibits a 75° TAPPI gloss of 35% or above, has a caliper of at least 2.15 mils, gives a 17-27% higher caliper, has up to 22% bulk improvement relative to a supercalendered 30 pounds/3300 square feet LWC, and has improved brightness, opacity and printing gloss.
- 23. (Canceled).
- 24. (Currently amended) A lightweight, high bulk coated paper coated paper made by a process of Claim 1.
- 25. (New) A process for manufacturing a lightweight, high bulk coated paper, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) creating a fiber furnish comprising mechanical pulp and chemical pulp;

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- (b) forming a paper web from the fiber furnish;
- (c) removing water from said web;
- (d) applying a coating composition comprising one or more pigments or clays and one or more binders the coating having a weight of at least 2.0 pounds per 3300 square feet per side onto each surface of said web to form a coated web having a moisture content greater than 5.5%, and a caliper greater than 2.6 mils;
- (e) passing the coated web through two extended-nip calenders, with each side of the paper facing a heated roll and treated with one of said calender nips, and wherein each calendering nip is formed by a calender roll having a surface temperature of at least 300° F and a backing shoe having a width of at least 30 mm, the nip providing loading of at least 1000 pounds per linear inch, and wherein the finished coated paper has a basis weight of 28 to 38 pounds per 33 square feet, exhibits a 75° TAPPI gloss equal to or greater than 35% and wherein the finished coated paper has a caliper of at least 2.15 mils.
- 26. (New) The process of claim 25 wherein at least one of the clays or pigments is a platy kaolin.
- 27. (New) The process of claim 25 wherein the lightweight, high bulk coated paper exhibits 4% higher brightness, 3.3% higher opacity, and 22% higher caliper when compared to a supercalendered coated paper of having the same basis weight.
- 28. (New) The process of claim 25 wherein the lightweight, high bulk coated paper exhibits lesser weight per roll of the same roll diameter.

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- 29. (New) A process for manufacturing a lightweight, high bulk coated paper, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) creating a fiber furnish comprising mechanical pulp and chemical pulp;
  - (b) forming a paper web from the fiber furnish;
  - (c) removing water from said web;
  - (d) applying a coating composition comprising a platy kaolin pigment, the coating having a weight of at least 2.0 pounds per 3300 square feet per side onto each surface of said web to form a coated web having a moisture content greater than 5.5%, and a caliper greater than 2.6 mils;
  - (e) passing the coated web through two extended-nip calenders, with each side of the paper facing a heated roll and treated with one of said calender nips, and wherein each calendering nip is formed by a calender roll having a surface temperature of at least 300° F and a backing shoe having a width of at least 30 mm, the nip providing loading of at least 1000 pounds per linear inch and to form a calendered paper having a caliper preservation greater than 75%.
- 30. (New) The process of claim 29 further comprising a ratio of caliper by 1000 to a basis weight per 3300 ft<sup>2</sup> of the coated paper is at least equal to or greater than 71%.
- 31. (New) The process of claim 29 wherein said kaolin pigment has a fine particle size distribution characterized in that at least 85% of said particles are less than 2 microns and

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- at least 50% of said particles are less than 0.5 microns, based upon particle counting using a Sedigraph particle size analyzer.
- 32. (New) The process of claim 29 wherein said kaolin pigment has a platy morphology characterized as both fine and coarse particles having a shape factor greater than 15.
- 33. (New) The process of claim 29 wherein said kaolin pigment has a platy morphology characterized as both fine and coarse particles having a shape factor of about 20 to 27.

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